

Amendment to the Abstract:

The Abstract has been amended. A revised Abstract is attached.

ABSTRACT

A ~~Suction~~suction muffler (140) receives low-temperature refrigerant gas discharged into a hermetic container (101) from a suction pipe (109) by a gas catcher (144), and feeds the gas to a compressor. The lower end of an opening of the gas catcher (144) is located at a position lower than the lower end of an orifice of the suction pipe (109) so as to catch the refrigerant gas falling obliquely downward inside the hermetic container (101).